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contain ingredient (A) in an amount ranging from 0.1 to 1.0 %, especially from 0.3 to 0.8 %, based on the weight of the composition. --

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A hair cosmetic formulation, comprising:

(A) a fragrance ingredient that is present in the formulation in an amount of 0.1 to 1.0 % by wt that contains comprising from 20 to 50 % by wt cis-3-hexenol, wherein the content of cis-3-hexenol ranges from 20 to 50 wt % of the fragrance ingredient (A); and

(B) up to 3.0 % by wt. monoethanolamine, in an oxidation hair coloring or hair bleaching formulation having a pH ranging from 8 to 12 and the interaction of monoethanolamine and cis-3-hexenol producing a desirable fragrance in which the odor of monoethanolamine is effectively masked.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 1, wherein said fragrance ingredient (A) further comprises at least one substance selected from the group consisting of cis-3-hexenol esters, trans-2-hexenol, ~~alcohol C-6~~, dimethol, dihydromyrcenol, citronellol, geraniol, linalool, (ethylnorbornylcyclohexanol),

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2-methyl-5-(2,2,3-trimethyl-3-cyclopenten-1-yl)-4-penten-2-ol, eugenol, p-cresol,
3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl methyl ketone, acetyl diisoamylene, ~~γ -methyl ionene~~ methyl ionone,
1-menthone, cis-3-hexenyl methyl carbonate, ethyl 2-methylpentanoate, ethyl
tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decan-2-ylcarboxylate, p-cresyl acetate, 1,8-cineole, p-propenylanisole,
estragol, rose oxide and limonene.

Claims 4 and 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Original) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 5 1, wherein the
content of ingredient (A) ranges from 0.3 to 0.8 %, based on the weight of the formulation.

Claims 7-12. (Canceled)

Claim 13. (Original) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 1, wherein,
when the formulation is an oxidation coloring composition of an oxidation dye intermediate,
the formulation additionally comprises a color-developing substance and a coupling agent.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 13,
wherein the color-developing substance is a p-phenylenediamine, a 2,5-diaminopyridine, a
p-aminophenol, a o-aminophenol, a o-phenylenediamine, or a 4,5-aminopyrazole.

Claim 15. (Original) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 13, wherein the

coupling agent is a m-phenylenediamine, a m-aminophenol, a m-hydroxybenzene, a hydroxyindole, a naphthol or a phenol.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 1, wherein the formulation comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of viscosity/gel strength modifiers, oils and fats, waxes, hydrocarbons, polyhydric alcohols, amides, silicone derivatives, cationic surfactants, anionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, nonionic surfactants, nonionic high-molecular substances, cationic high-molecular substances, anionic high-molecular substances, amphoteric high-molecular substances, protein derivatives and amino acids, preservatives, chelating agents, stabilizers, oxidation inhibitors, plant extracts, crude drug extracts, vitamins, color additives, ~~fragrances~~[,] pigments and ultraviolet absorbers.

Claims 17 to 20. (Canceled)

Claim 21. (New) A method, which comprises:

improving the odor of a monoethanolamine containing hair cosmetic formulation by combining in the formulation (i) an amount of fragrance ingredient (A) ranging from 0.1 to 1.0 % by wt that contains from 20 to 50 wt % of cis-3-hexenol and (ii) an amount of up to 3.0 % by wt. monoethanolamine, the formulation having a pH ranging from 8 to 12 and the interaction of monoethanolamine and cis-3-hexenol producing a desirable fragrance that effectively masks the odor of monoethanolamine.